

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, dated March 27, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-21 and 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,990,633 (hereinafter “MIYASAKA”) and rejected claims 3, 4, 22 and 23 as allegedly being unpatentable over MIYASAKA in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0103809 (hereinafter “STARZL”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.¹

By way of this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 27 to improve form. Claims 10-12, 14-17 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 30-41 have been added. No new matter has been added by the present amendment. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection of pending claims 1-9 and 18-28 is respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

On page 2, the final Office Action rejects pending claims 1, 2, 5-9, 18 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by MIYASAKA. Applicants respectfully traverse.

¹ As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants' silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, motivation to combine references, etc.) is not a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such assertions/requirements in the future.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a method that includes hosting first news content at a first server; receiving user input selecting news content of the first news content at the first server; sending query data, associated with the selected news content, from the first server to a second server across at least a portion of a network, wherein the second server is operable to crawl a corpus of news documents hosted on other servers and to store information associated with the crawled documents in a repository of crawled documents; receiving, at the first server from the second server via the network, second news content resulting from a search of the repository of crawled documents performed at the second server using the query data; and providing access at the first server, to the first and second news content, to multiple clients via the network, wherein the first server, second server and the other servers comprise different network devices that are connected to the network.

A proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 requires that a reference teach every aspect of the claimed invention. Any feature not directly taught must be inherently present. In other words, the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the claim. See M.P.E.P. § 2131. MIYASAKA does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in Applicants' amended claim 1.

MIYASAKA discloses network devices news server 5, recipients 7-9 and content provider 4 connected to one another via a network 1 (see Fig. 3 and column 4, lines 27-43). News server 5 obtains content either by subscription from a content provider 4, or by searching for and obtaining content from databases that are maintained by content provider 4, and stores the obtained content in a content database 44 (see column 4, lines 31-37). News server 5 may

then search content stored in content database 44 to identify respective content that matches a recipient's topic preferences (see column 4, lines 10-12). News server 5 formats the matching content and provides a customized newspaper to the computer system of the recipient user associated with the topic preferences used to search content database 44 (see column 4, lines 37-40). MIYASAKA, therefore, discloses a first server (e.g., news server 5) that searches content stored in a content database 44 to obtain a customized newspaper that is customized to a recipient's preferences, and provision of that customized newspaper to the computer (i.e., client) associated with the recipient.

MIYASAKA, however, does not disclose a process that involves the interaction of first, second and other servers, that comprise different network devices connected to a network, where the first server hosts first news content, receives user input selecting news content of the first news content, sends query data associated with the selected news content to a second server across at least a portion of a network, and where the second server is operable to crawl a corpus of news documents hosted on the other servers and to store information associated with the crawled documents in a repository of crawled documents, as recited in amended claim 1. MIYASAKA further does not disclose a process where the first server receives second news content via the network from the second server resulting from a search of the repository of crawled documents performed at the second server using the query data or provides access at the first server, to the first and second news content, to multiple clients via the network, as recited in amended claim 1. MIYASAKA, therefore, does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in amended claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by MIYASAKA. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 5-9 depend from claim 1. These claims, therefore, patentably distinguish over MIYASAKA for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.²

Amended independent claim 18 recites similar features to (though possibly of different scope than) features recited in claim 1. Claim 18, therefore, patentably distinguishes over MIYASAKA for similar reasons to those set forth above with respect to claim 11.

Amended independent claim 19 recites a method that includes permitting multiple clients to access, via a network, first news content contained in one or more news documents stored at a custom document server; sending query data, in response to a portion of the first news content being accessed by at least one of the multiple clients, from the custom document server across at least a portion of the network to a news server that is operable to crawl and aggregate news content from a plurality of news sources; receiving second news content, via the network, at the custom document server from the news server based on the query data; incorporating the second news content into the one or more news documents; and permitting the multiple clients to access, via the network, the second news content at the custom document server, wherein the custom document server and the news server comprise different network devices that are connected to

² As Applicants' remarks with respect to the base independent claims are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's rejections of all claims dependent therefrom, Applicants' silence as to the Examiner's assertions with respect to dependent claims is not a concession by Applicants to the Examiner's assertions as to these claims, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such assertions in the future.

the network. MIYASAKA does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in amended claim 19.

For example, MIYASAKA does not disclose or suggest, among other features, sending query data, in response to a portion of the first news content being accessed by at least one of the multiple clients, from the custom document server across at least a portion of a network to a news server that is operable to crawl and aggregate news content from a plurality of news sources; receiving second news content, via the network, at the custom document server from the news server based on the query data; incorporating the second news content into the one or more news documents; and permitting the multiple clients to access, via the network, the second news content at the custom document server, where the custom document server and the news server comprise different network devices that are connected to the network, as recited in amended claim 19.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, MIYASAKA discloses a news server 5 that obtains content either by subscription from a content provider 4, or by searching for and obtaining content from databases that are maintained by content provider 4, and stores the obtained content in a content database 44 (see column 4, lines 31-37). The news server 5 then searches content stored in content database 44 to obtain a customized newspaper that is customized to a recipient's preferences, and provides that customized newspaper to the computer (i.e., client) associated with the recipient (see column 4, lines 10-12 and lines 37-40). MIYASAKA, however, does not disclose or suggest, among other features, sending query data, in response to a portion of the first news content being accessed by at least one of the multiple

clients, from the custom document server across at least a portion of the network to a news server that is operable to crawl and aggregate news content from a plurality of news sources; receiving second news content, via the network, at the custom document server from the news server based on the query data; incorporating the second news content into the one or more news documents; and permitting the multiple clients to access, via the network, to the second news content at the custom document server, where the custom document server and the news server comprise different network devices that are connected to the network, as recited in amended claim 19.

In view of the remarks above, Applicants submit that MIYASAKA does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in amended claim 19. Withdrawal of the rejection of this claim is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 21 and 24-28 depend from claim 19. These claims, therefore, patentably distinguish over MIYASAKA for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 19.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

On page 11, the final Office Action rejects pending claims 3, 4, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over MIYASAKA in view of STARZL. The final Office Action relies on STARZL for allegedly disclosing “a server that’s capable of retrieving at least a portion of text of the news content and generates a search query for use in the search based, at least in part, on the at least a portion of the text.” This alleged disclosure of STARZL, however, does not remedy the deficiencies in MIYASAKA noted above with respect to claims 1 and 19, from which claims 3 and 4, and 23 and 23 depend, respectively. Withdrawal

of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 22 and 23 is requested for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 19.

New independent claim 30 recites a system that includes a first server configured to: store locally created news content, and send a search query across at least a portion of a network to a second server; and the second server being configured to: crawl a corpus of news documents hosted at a plurality of remote servers to obtain news content, search the news content based on the search query to obtain search results, and provide selected news content to the first server based on the search results; the first server being further configured to: permit a plurality of clients to access, from across the network, the locally created news content and the selected news content received from the second server, where the first server, the second server, and the plurality of remote servers comprise different network devices that connect to the network. MIYASAKA and STARZL, either singly or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in new claim 30.

New independent claim 31 recites a method that includes crawling, at a search server, a corpus of documents hosted at a plurality of other servers to obtain news content; receiving a search query from a first user at the search server; searching the news content based on the search query to obtain custom news content that is associated with the first user; inserting the obtained custom news content in a document; and permitting a plurality of other users to access, from across a network, the document with the inserted custom news content. MIYASAKA and STARZL, either singly or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest the

combination of features recited in new claim 31. MIYASAKA and STARZL further do not disclose or suggest the features recited in claim 32, which depends from claim 31.

New independent claim 33 recites a method that includes embedding search queries in selected locations of news content documents stored at a first server; receiving, from across a network, a selection of one of the news content documents from a user at a client; retrieving one of the embedded search queries; and sending query data, that includes the one of the embedded search queries, from the first server to the client across at least a portion of a network to allow the client, using the query data, to retrieve news content from a second server that has crawled a corpus of news documents hosted on other servers and stored information associated with the crawled documents in a repository of crawled documents. MIYASAKA and STARZL, either singly or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in new claim 33. MIYASAKA and STARZL further do not disclose or suggest the features recited in claims 34 and 35, which depends from claim 33.

New independent claim 36 recites a method that includes embedding search queries in selected locations of news content documents stored at a first server; receiving, from across a network, a selection of one of the news content documents from a user at a client; retrieving one of the embedded search queries; sending query data, that includes the one of the embedded search queries, from the first server to a second server that has crawled a corpus of news documents hosted on other servers and stored information associated with the crawled documents in a repository of crawled documents; receiving, at the first server, news content from the second server that is related to the query data; and populating one or more documents of the

news content documents with the received news content for access by the user. MIYASAKA and STARZL, either singly or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in new claim 36.

New independent claim 37 recites a method that includes storing news content documents; receiving, from across a network, a selection of one of the news content documents from a user at a client; sending, in response to receiving the selection, query data from the first server to a second server that has crawled a corpus of news documents hosted on other servers and stored information associated with the crawled documents in a repository of crawled documents; receiving, at the first server, news content from the second server that is related to the query data; and populating one or more documents of the news content documents with the received news content for access by the user. MIYASAKA and STARZL, either singly or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in new claim 37. MIYASAKA and STARZL further do not disclose or suggest the features recited in claims 38-41, which depend from claim 37.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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